Writing Activities in Museum Galleries

**Activity #1:** Stand in a gallery of your choice. Let yourself be drawn to an exhibit. Draw a sketch of the exhibit in your writer’s notebook.

* How does this work make you feel? Make sure to back up how you feel with the reason (what you see).
* What do you think is going on in this exhibit? Make sure to reference the visual clues you observed.

**Activity #2:** Stand or sit in front of exhibit that draws your attention. For five minutes, do a free-write of everything that comes to mind when you look at it, use descriptive words, write the story, any and everything that comes to mind.

At the end of the five minutes, cross out half of your words, finding the most essential words to represent the piece. Cross out half of the words again and again until you are left with 10-15 words. Share your responses with the group.

**ACTIVITY #3:** Continue this statement, while writing about another exhibit that drew your attention.

*The other night I had the strangest dream…*